

Co-Ordinator

Beaver Scout District Challenge

The six oldest Beaver Scouts from 1st Baldock (Tuesday) and (Wednesday), 5th, 7th, 8th 11th and 12th Letchworth Colonies arrived to do battle for the coveted Challenge trophy.

Many thanks go to the seven teams and their Leaders for taking part and making the day so enjoyable, to 8th Letchworth for the use of their HQ and to 8th Letchworth

Beaver Leaders Otter, Lisa Eke, Snowdrop, Helen Galvin, hedgehog, Louise Farquar and Wolverine, Zeke Hill for setting the challenges.



Points

This years' winners is 11th Letchworth	82
2nd 1st Baldock (Tuesday)	79
3rd 5th Letchworth	77.5
4th 12th Letchworth	68.5
5th 8th Letchworth	66.5
6th 7th Letchworth	65.5
7th 1st Baldock (Wednesday)	61



11th Letchworth Beaver Scouts Baldock Fire Station

On Monday 30th April Red watch welcomed 11th Letchworth Beavers and a lot of parents to their station in Baldock for the evening

The Beavers were greeted with a warm welcome and were given a very informative talk about the fire station and what the firemen did.

The Beavers asked lots of very interesting questions and one lucky Beaver Scout got to dress up in the fireman's uniform (it was a little big for him).

We all then went outside and had a play on the fire engine and had a go at using the water hose too.

Beaver Scout Joseph Miles was invested while we were there. A day he won't forget.

Caroline Northover
11th Letchworth BSL



8th Letchworth Scout Group

8th Letchworth Scout Group held a "end of line" sale at their HQ on Tuesday 1 May. There were lots of exciting goodies ranging from heart shaped dog and cat bowls, heart shaped ice cube trays and mini hot water bottle, to Christmas wrapping paper and decorations, and everything in between. The evening raised £280 to help reduce the cost of trips and camps for the young people.

Charity City Garden City

The Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City

On Sunday 20 May I did a 14.2 mile walk around the Greenway in Letchworth to raise funds for the 8th Letchworth Scout Group. There were five bases all around the walk; my time doing all of the walk was 5 hours 30 minutes. On every base someone had to sign our cards which we got given at the beginning of the walk before we started.

I was walking with my mum, dad, my sister Rebecca and my dog Archie. We also walked around with Sophie Stewardson and Molly Wright from Cubs. We stopped at every base just to have a little snack. At the fourth base, which was at Willian, we stopped for our lunch.

At the end of the walk we went into Highfield School where we started and finished; first I had to get my donation letter from a lady, then I had to go over to a man who gave me a certificate for finishing the 14.2 mile walk! This was the first time that I had done the walk and I was very proud of myself for finishing it.

Jessica Twena
8th Letchworth Scout



Oak Eagles Explorers helping at Spring Clean Letchworth



Scout Active Support Unit

I do not know how she does it. Yet again during the wettest drought in living memory on one of the few pleasant late spring evenings, Saturday 12th of May, Sheila organized a cruise on the river Lea. We could enjoy the rich flora and fauna of the area while partaking of a ploughman's supper. After which we entertained ourselves by singing along to some old-time songs by Alma Cogan, Jim Reeves etc. While we were chatting of times long ago someone asked who sang Dick a Dum Dum? After much head scratching we came up with the right answer (see bottom of page*).



We are constantly looking for new members to join our ranks. All we need is your name and email address. We will then send you all the information about the ASU in the District. The aim of the ASU is to give active support to Scouting, as and when asked by groups. You can pick the number of hours that you want to commit to Scouting from 1 a year to 8736. To put it simply we are here to support Scouting in the Letchworth & Baldock District any way we can, and to do this we need **YOU**.

Fred Scribe to the ASU.

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*Des O'Connor



25 Miles Challenge Walk Open to all Sections 30 June - 1 July

Phasels Wood to Tolmers (or vice-versa!)

As part of our support for the **County's Capital Appeal** to raise funds for our fantastic campsites or centres, there will be a sponsored walk between Phasels Wood and Tolmers, in either direction, on Saturday 30 June. It will be a great way to see the Hertfordshire countryside and see the facilities our Activity Centres have to offer. The route will largely follow part of the Hertfordshire Way which runs between Phasels Wood and Tolmers and there will be the opportunity to walk the full 25 miles between the sites or 5, 10, 15 or 20 miles as you prefer. And at the end of the walk there will be a campsite if you wish to stay the night – with your own tents of course! All adults staying overnight must have a current CRB.

We would ask that your walkers seek sponsorship please and 50% of the money you raise can be retained by your Group.

Dates: Saturday 30 June to Sunday 1 July, if camping overnight.

Transport & food: your own.

Cost: £5.00 per person including 25 mile badge. We also ask you to get some sponsors!

Start: from either Phasels Wood or Tolmers for the full walk or various points in between for shorter distances. (Times and locations of start will be sent through once the application form is received)

Entry: by application form only please.

Further details or offers of help for the start and checkpoints please contact:

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11th Letchworth Beaver Scouts Broadway Cinema - Letchworth Garden City

11th Letchworth Beavers were lucky enough to visit Letchworth Broadway Cinema. We had a fun time and found it really interesting.

We were taken to one of the projector rooms downstairs and we saw how the projector worked and saw the new films. The projector is a really big machine and makes lots of noises a bit like a printer. The man told us when the projector starts up we had to stand back because there was a really bright light inside and the projector gets really really hot.

We were given 'Ice Age 4' posters as souvenirs and a free cinema pass each - can't wait to see 'Avengers Assemble'!

Afterwards, Woodchuck took us all over the road to Letchworth Library where we looked at and read some books.

We had a very nice evening and we enjoyed it all.

**Scott and Gordon Saulnier
11th Beaver Scouts**



Helen Inman



20 Km Hike

1st Baldock Scouts

Helen Inman: I was put in charge of organising this event and now it's Saturday morning and surprisingly quiet considering I'm surrounded by Scouts, but I do suppose we've only had 3 - 4 hours' sleep each! The planning and forms that needed sorting were hard work. However, I feel quite rewarded now.

Last night I was in charge of sorting out route cards, maps and compasses. I also had to make sure everyone knew how to contact the half way base in Wallington where each group made water rockets that amazingly went high enough to go over Wallington Church!

While everyone was out walking I defrosted over 60 sausages so that they could be cooked this morning! The groups returned between 1 and 2 am. I was impressed that all of the Scouts managed the whole 20km in less than 6 hours. We all then watched a film (which I may have fallen fast asleep through, and then had to be poked awake at the end!) I think everyone was asleep by 3:30 am.

This morning I was awoken earlier than the other Scouts to cook sausages, butter bread and set up breakfast.

All of the Scouts are writing their reviews at the moment so I don't know if they'll make any sense (or if this one does!) but we are all running on 3 hours sleep! Keeping this in mind, would I do it again? Hmm... maybe?

Alex Bandy: I really enjoyed the hike. I thought that it was well planned and organised by Helen. We walked for about 6 hours although we got lost twice. The first time we walked 2km before we noticed that we were going wrong. The base was great, it was a good change to bases on previous hikes, and it was also educational. The sleepover was good and we watched a film, I really enjoyed it.

Jonathon Warman: Helen did a great job. The rocket was a good way to persuade me to do 20km. The actual walk was not so pleasing, my feet hurt, my thighs hurt and my head hurt. I was really tired and unfortunately I got woken up extremely early. I feel like I'm going to fall asleep right now...

Stuart Dougal: I enjoyed the hike and sleepover. The hike took about 6 hours despite getting lost twice. The first time we got lost, we went through a series of woods. The second time, Alex B took us into a field of nettles which lead to a barbed wire fence. Good one Alex!

Half way through there was a base in Wallington in which we had a drink and a biscuit. After the snack we made a water rocket, we filled it half full with water and it stayed in the air for 5 seconds. We then left the foot pump in the field and it probably is only being found as I'm writing this.

We set off again and that was when we first got lost. When we eventually got back it was about 1-1:30 in the morning. We stuffed our faces with cakes and biscuits and watched the film, "Tron" which was quite good. After the film finished at 3:25ish, Alex S. was lying on my roll mat so I asked him to move, but in his catatonic state said, "No" and fell asleep again – despite the leg pain it was enjoyable. Thank you Helen.



Sam Smith: The hike was very tiring it made my feet ache like anything. I liked the films.

Toby Anderson: The hike was very fun, however I think that there should have been a different base every kilometre, this would widely increase enthusiasm and every one would have had a much better time whilst walking.

Freja Hughes: On this Friday the 18th we did a sponsored 20km night hike. We set off at 7:30 and walked 10km to Wallington base and had a drink and biscuit, and then we set a water rocket off in a field. We continued to walk 10km back to the hut. We arrived at the hut at 1:45am, the second half was better as it felt quicker but yeah, it was really good altogether.

Samuel Prior: We got to the Scout HQ at 6:45 and unpacked; we dropped off our bags and got a safety briefing. At 7:30 we set off! As we were walking through the Ivel springs about 1/2 km in it started to rain. We walked up around Bygrave. People were already complaining about their legs. We were all listening to our own music. We walked through an oil seed rape field and Max got something in his eye. Thankfully he recovered quickly! We crossed a bridge and shone our torches ahead at what appeared to be an endless path. Then we found out we had taken a wrong turn about 100m back. After that our spirits were high because we knew we were approaching 10k. We got into Wallington at about 10:40 and we checked in at the base/church at 10:50. When we got to the church, there were drinks and biscuits. Then we launched bottle rockets. We filled our rocket with 2/5 water! Then we pumped air into it and it flew up into the air. We launched these rockets in the middle of a cow field which was a bit strange but it was great fun! The people who were stopping at 10k got a lift back and everyone who was going for 20k continued. We hiked through a horse's field, and when there was about 4km left people started to get a bit bored and they started listening/watching their ipods. As we were entering Baldock, we were all very happy and we got back to the Scout HQ at about 1:30. The hike took us 6hrs including stops. Everyone who had already got back were watching "Tron". I got ready



for bed and quickly fell asleep. In the morning we had to get up at 6:30. We packed up, had breakfast and wrote our reviews. Overall it was a fun and well organised hike. Helen did a great job!



Joe Royal We got to the Scout HQ at 6.45. Soon after, we set off for a walk past the town and fields of rape. Eventually we arrived in Wallington with sore legs and feet, ready for a good break. To brighten up our spirits, we were given the test to launch a rocket using water and air pumps. We decided to measure it on awesomeness! After a very successful launch, we continued to trek on. After a fulfilling 5 hours, we arrived back and fell asleep. All and all I thought it was a great experience, but tiring and well organised by Helen.

Alex Smith I really enjoyed the night hike, walking on the 20km route. We left the Scout Hut at 7.15pm and returned at 1.15am, following a circular route. Halfway around our walk we visited a base to set up a rocket made from a plastic bottle and added aerodynamics. This helped us develop problem-solving skills and added a nice resting point to the walk. Next time it might be better to go when it is a bit warmer as it was very muddy! I would definitely go on another hike again.

FROM ABSEILING TO ZORBING. *A parent's guide to Scouting*



The popular Parent's Guide to Scouting has been updated. The improved booklet contains all the key information, such as where to put badges on uniforms, and the most frequently asked questions. There are also downloadable inserts for you to personalise with sectional and groups details. To order this new resource visit www.scouts.org.uk/involvingparents or call the information centre on 0845 300 1818. A must for all Groups.



UPDATES - Factsheets

Updated -	Nights away for scouts with special needs	FS250031
	What are special needs	FS250054
	Successfully including scouts with special needs	FS250061
	The right to smoke-free scouting	FS320005
	Criminal record checks	FS321004

How many Explorer Scouts does it take to put up a party tent - answers please to the Editor at editor3@btinternet.com (and it only took 63 minutes)



Our own Vicki Gage - ADC (Beavers) celebrating her 20th Anniversary of her 20th Birthday or could it be Princess Fiona dressed up as Vicki Gage ?

Scout Active Support Unit

Event: Cream Tea

Date: Sunday 5 August

Venue: 19 Campers Road

Time: TBA nearer the time

Cost £5.00

The ever popular Cream Tea at Fred's is being held this year on Sunday 5th August.

This is an ideal opportunity to meet the members of the Scout Active Support Unit and find out all about them.

COME AND JOIN US

For more details please contact Fred Lovelock

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Awards presented at the District AGM by Rikki Harrington, County Commissioner



Derrick Hart - 12th Letchworth ASL
Wood Badge



Paul Tyler - 4th Letchworth ASL
Wood Badge



Vicki Gage - ADC
(Beavers) 10 years Service



Roger Comley - SASU
30 Years Long Service Award



Anne Lilley - SASU
40 years Long Service Award



Rob Hemmings -
1st Baldock ASL



Anne Gutteridge - 4th Letchworth CS
Award of Merit



Janet Conder - District Secretary
Award of Merit



Simon Tierney -
Training Administrator
Award of Merit

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Joe Clark
Jamie Dickens
Tobias Loe
Theo Nobbs

1st Baldock
5th Letchworth
5th Letchworth
5th Letchworth



Jeff Robson Wymondley Wood
Committee Member - 25 years
Long Service Award



Chris King, District Commissioner -
20 years Long Service Award



Mike Durrant
District Executive
Committee Member



Derrick Hart
12th Letchworth ASL
Paul Northover
11th Letchworth ASL



Amanda Woolmer
7th Letchworth CSL



Steven Hardman
12th Letchworth SL

**Congratulations to the following Leaders on
gaining their Wood Badge**



Sara Morgan 11th Letchworth ACSL
Richard Warren 1st Ashwell ABSL

DIARY 2012

JUNE

5	Scout and Guide Shop closed for half term	
12	Scout and Guide Shop reopens	
14	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
16	2nd Baldock Scout Group AGM	Harmer Green
23	District Gang Show AGM	1st Baldock HQ
24	District Scout Archery Competition	Wymondley Wood
25	County AGM	Rothamsted
25	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
26	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
28	12th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	
30	SASU General Meeting + Celebrate London	Guide HQ, Icknield Way

JULY

1	County Cub Go Karting	
2	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
4	District Team Meeting	DHQ
12	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
17	Scout and Guide Shop Summer Break	
19	Lochearnhead Meeting	DHQ



Oak Eagles ESU helping spring clean Letchworth

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 working the whole
 day through.**